

Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Conference Chairmen and Chairwomen, 1976–2012

Below are the Chairmen and Chairwomen for both the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Conference. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus was formed in December 1976. The Congressional Hispanic Conference was formed in March 2003. From 1984 through 1990, the Chair of the Hispanic Caucus was elected in September, to correspond with Hispanic Heritage Month rather than the beginning of the new Congress. These Chairmen served for a one-year term, September to September. Beginning with Solomon P. Ortiz, the Chair served for a term that corresponded with a Congress. Although the elections almost always took place in the months before the end of the preceding Congress, the chart below does not include service that predates the beginning of a new Congress. For example, Ed Pastor was elected Caucus Chairman in November of 1994 for 104th Congress (1995–1997).

CONGRESS	MEMBER'S NAME	CONGRESS	MEMBER'S NAME
CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRWOMEN, 1976–2012		104th (1995–1997)	Ed Pastor (D-AZ)
94th (1975–1977)	Edward R. Roybal (D-CA)	105th (1997–1999)	Xavier Becerra (D-CA)
95th (1977–1979)	Edward R. Roybal (D-CA)	106th (1999–2001)	Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
96th (1979–1981)	Edward R. Roybal (D-CA)	107th (2001–2003)	Silvestre Reyes (D-TX)
97th (1981–1983) ¹	Edward R. Roybal (D-CA) Robert Garcia (D-NY)	108th (2003–2005)	Ciro D. Rodriguez (D-TX)
98th (1983–1985) ²	Robert Garcia (D-NY) Bill Richardson (D-NM)	109th (2005–2007)	Grace Flores Napolitano (D-CA)
99th (1985–1987) ³	Bill Richardson (D-NM) Matthew G. Martínez (D-CA) Esteban Edward Torres (D-CA)	110th (2007–2009)	Joe Baca (D-CA)
100th (1987–1989) ⁴	Esteban Edward Torres (D-CA) Albert G. Bustamante (D-TX) Jaime B. Fuster (Resident Commissioner-PR)	111th (2009–2011)	Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY)
101st (1989–1991) ⁵	Jaime B. Fuster (Resident Commissioner-PR) Eligio (Kika) de la Garza II (D-TX) Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX)	112th (2011–2013)	Charles A. Gonzalez (D-TX)
102nd (1991–1993)	Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX)	CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CONFERENCE CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRWOMEN, 2003–2012	
103rd (1993–1995)	José E. Serrano (D-NY)	108th (2003–2005)	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
		109th (2005–2007)	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)
		110th (2007–2009)	Luis G. Fortuño (NP-PR)
		111th (2009–2011)	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
		112th (2011–2013)	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

1 In the 97th Congress, Edward R. Roybal served as chair from January to February 1981. Robert Garcia served as chair from February 1981 to January 1983.

2 In the 98th Congress, Robert Garcia served as chair from January 1983 to September 1984. Bill Richardson served as chair from September 1984 to January 1985.

3 In the 99th Congress, Bill Richardson served as chair from January 1985 to September 1985. Matthew G. Martínez served as chair from September 1985 to September 1986. Esteban Edward Torres served as chair from September 1986 to January 1987.

4 In the 100th Congress, Esteban Edward Torres served as chair from January to September 1987. Albert G. Bustamante served as chair from September 1987 to September 1988. Jaime B. Fuster served as chair from September 1988 to January 1989.

5 In the 101st Congress, Jaime B. Fuster served as chair from January 1989 to September 1989. Eligio (Kika) de la Garza II served as chair from September 1989 to September 1990. Solomon P. Ortiz served from September 1990 to January 1991.